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(SBU) We delivered reftel demarche to MFA International Organizations Senior Counselor Valentin Berezovskiy on February 29, who said that he would report the information and notify the Russian UN Mission about the decision. Berezovskiy told us that Russia maintained its long-standing position that all foreign troops in the DRC should be repatriated and was not opposed to the draft UNSC resolution, but expressed doubt that a resolution would have any more impact than existing Presidential Statements. He was also concerned about the UNSC's will to support follow-up action if parties in the DRC did not respond to the resolution. BURNS